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Jacob --

Thanks for the information. One question: we have heard that because BEP is a TARP-funded program and TARP is expiring or will be expiring, there will not be a BEP for FY17.

Can you let us know what you have heard about FY 17 funding or the continuation or elimination of the BEP?

Thanks.

Annette Lang

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2016, at 8:36 AM, Sipe, Jacob <JSipe@ihcda.IN.gov> wrote:

Donald,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the IHCDA's Hardest Hit Funds Blight Elimination Program (BEP). The source of the Hardest Hit Funds (HHF) is the Troubled Asset Relief Program under the U. S. Department of Treasury which is administered by IHCDA. In 2014, IHCDA approached the U. S. Department of Treasury to utilize a portion of Indiana's HHF for a blight elimination program that would prevent future foreclosures by targeting vacant and abandoned homes. The goal of the Blight Elimination Program is not simple to demolish abandoned homes, but to prevent avoidable foreclosures and stabilize property values in Indiana.

For more information on IHCDA's BEP please click [here](#).

Based on the current information we have there are three challenges in utilizing the HHF BEP funds for demolition of the West Calumet Apartment Complex:

The three challenge are federal U.S. Dept. of Treasury Policy Requirements:

1. Property Eligibility Criteria – the properties **must not be legally occupied** at the time of any review or approval from IHCD for BEP.
2. BEP funds may only be used for the acquisition and demolition of **one to four** unit residential structures that are blighted and/ or abandoned.
3. Maximum amount allowed per building: \$25k for a building with a basement and \$15k without basement.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Jake

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Cc: Sipe, Jacob

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Per your request, I just spoke with Jacob Sipe, Executive Director of the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority regarding the use/reallocation of “Hardest Hit” funds for East Chicago. The executive summary is that there are numerous regulatory hurdles to allocating this money to West Calumet that have been discussed and disclosed a number of times already (example: the buildings have to be vacant when the application is submitted). Rather than have me relay a lot of details to you, which I will probably get wrong, Jacob suggests you call him directly if you have any specific questions. His direct dial is 317-233-1811. Remember that IHCD participates in some of our other weekly calls, so another option might be to ask this question at a meeting where IHCD has a representative on the line.

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Hi Everyone,

Please find attached today's agenda. Thanks!

Best,

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